

Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Clayton

Clayton– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a crash that has turned fatal.

The crash occurred on March 10, 2020 at approximately 3:54 p.m., when a 2000 GMC Sierra was traveling northbound on Longridge Road south of Jordan Drive, Clayton. A 2011 Mazda 6 was traveling southbound on Longridge Road north of Jordan Drive. The operator of the GMC proceeded to make a left turn onto Jordan Drive and entered the southbound lane of Longridge Road into the path of the Mazda, striking same.

The operator of the GMC, 84-year-old **Richard H. Atkinson** of Townsend, DE was transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital. On March 13, 2020, Atkinson succumbed to his injuries.

The operator of the Mazda, a 29-year-old female from Dover, DE was transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where she was treated and released with non-life threatening injuries.

The roadway was closed for approximately 1 hour while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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